

Demands of Contract work in Shahabad, Wadi and Kurkunta in A.C.C., A.V. Band C.C.I.

1270 SRI B. V. KAKKILAYA (Vittal) and SRI S. F. BHAIKY (Shahabad).—Will the Minister for Labour and Excise be pleased to state;—

(a) whether Government is aware that contract workers in Shahabad, Wadi and Kurkunta in A.C.C. and A.V.B. and C.C.I., and Thermal Plant at Shahabad, Gulbarga District had gone on strike demanding wage increase;

(b) if so whether the Gov. has accepted their demands and has increased their wages; if not, the reasons?

SRI R. S. PATIL (Minister for Labour and Excise);—

(a) The Workers of the;

(1) A.V.B., Shahabad Works, Shahabad, Gulbarga District had gone on strike with effect from 3—4—79.

(2) C.C.I., Kurkunta, with effect from 27—4—79

(3) Wadi Cement Works with effect from 6—4—79.

(b) An amicable settlement under Section 12(3) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 has been signed before the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Gulbarga-regarding the increase in wages.

Felicitations to Sri Prakash Padukone—Winner of open title Badminton at London

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS.—Madam Deputy Speaker, it is a matter of pride and great pleasure that Sri Prakash Padukone of Karnataka has won the open title in badminton recently at London. The Hon. Chief Minister and myself have individually congratulated him and I am sure that the hon. Leader of the Opposition who himself did a lot to the development of sports in the State and also the hon. members who are sport-loving, will join hands with us in offering our felicitations to Sri Prakash Padukone;

And also wishing him God-Speed and many more laurels in the years to come. I may mention here that the Government of Karnataka have always rushed to his assistance whenever it was solicited and we have also in the past, when he won laurels at the Commonwealth meet, announced cash prizes, proposal to give a substantial assistance for the construction of a badminton court specially at his disposal and at his insistence is under the serious consideration of the Government. While wishing him all the best in the years to come, I am very happy to announce, on behalf of the Government of Karnataka, in token of our appreciation for the distinction that he has achieved, a cash prize of Rs. 10 000/-.